

1                   **THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN**  
2                   **EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS BEING CLAIMED ARE DETAILED**  
3                   **AS FOLLOWS:**  
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5                   1.     A portable chair is an assembly adapted for support on a  
6                   surface comprising:

7                         at least two side panels, each panel having at least a first base edge  
8                   adapted to engage the supporting surface and a straddle edge, the panels being  
9                   pivotally joined at the straddle edges enabling the panels to fold between a parallel,  
10                  closed position and a splayed, open position;

11                        at least a first pair of panel slots extending from the straddle edges in  
12                  each panel, the first pair of panel slots being aligned when the panels are in the  
13                  closed position; and

14                        a seat member having a pair of seat stops complementary to the first  
15                  pair of panel slots so that when the panels are in the open position, the pair of seat  
16                  stops slidably mate with the first pair of panel slots for coupling the seat member  
17                  with the straddle edges of the panels, the seat member further supportably spacing  
18                  the panels in the open position,

19                        wherein a weight is supported by the seat member.  
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21                   2.     The portable chair of claim 1 wherein the two side panels further  
22                  comprise:

23                        a second base edge wherein each panel forms a substantially  
24                  triangular envelope, the first base edge and straddle edge intersect at a first seating

1 angle and the second base edge and straddle edge intersect at a second seating  
2 angle;

3 a second pair of panel slots extending from the straddle edges in each  
4 panel, the second pair of panel slots being aligned when the panels are in the closed  
5 position; wherein

6 the portable chair is operable to alternatively engage the supporting  
7 surface on one of either base edges for orienting the straddle edge between one of  
8 either seating angles, and wherein the seat member is coupled with either the first or  
9 second pair of panel slots respectively.

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11 3. The portable chair of claim 2 further comprising:

12 at least a first pair of openings formed in each of the side panels,  
13 intermediate the seat member and a top of the chair, the openings being aligned  
14 when the panels are in the closed position;

15 a third pair of panel slots extending from each opening; and

16 at least a first support member having a first pair of support slots so  
17 that when the panels are in the open position, the first pair of support slots slidably  
18 mate with the third pair of panel slots for coupling the support member with the side  
19 panels for further supportably spacing the side panels in the open position.

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21 4. The portable chair of claim 3 where the first support member  
22 extends beyond each side panel and forms an elbow rest.

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1                   5.     The portable chair of claim 3 further comprising:  
2                   a second pair of openings formed in each of the side panels,  
3 intermediate the seat member and a base of the chair, the openings being aligned  
4 when the panels are in the closed position,  
5                   a fourth pair of panel slots extending from each opening, and  
6                   a second support member having a second pair of support slots, so  
7 that when the panels are in the open position, the second pair of support slots  
8 slidably mate with the fourth pair of panel slots for coupling the support member with  
9 the panels for further supportably spacing the side panels in the open position.

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11                  6.     The portable chair of claim 5 further comprising:  
12                  at least a first pair of rests, one per panel; and  
13                  means for removeably securing the first pair of rests to the side panels  
14 intermediate the top of the chair and the seat member when the chair is positioned  
15 at the first seating angle.

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17                  7.     The portable chair of claim 6 wherein the means for removeably  
18 securing each first pair of rests to each panel comprises:  
19                  a tab extending from each of the first pair of rests; and  
20                  a tab slot in the panel for receiving the tab, the tab frictionally engaging  
21 the tab slot.

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1                   8.     The portable chair of claim 6 further comprising a second pair of  
2 rests, one rest per panel for alternatively securing the second pair of rests to the side  
3 panels intermediate the base of the chair and the seat member when the chair is at  
4 the second seating angle.

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6                   9.     The portable chair of claim 1 where the side panels are pivotally  
7 connected with at least one hinge type mechanism.

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9                   10.    The portable chair of claim 1 wherein the straddle edges are  
10 contoured for forming diverging edge portions when the side panels are in the open  
11 position.

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13                  11.    The portable chair of claim 10 wherein at least a first diverging  
14 portion is formed at one end of the side panels for forming an open face rest.

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16                  12.    The portable chair of claim 11 further comprising a second  
17 diverging portion at the other end of the side panels to alternatively provide another  
18 open face when the chair is positioned at either second seating angle and, wherein a  
19 series of cushions removeably attach along the straddle edge to comfortably support  
20 a torso, chest and a face.

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1           13.    The portable chair of claim 6 wherein the seat member, elbow  
2 rests, and pairs of rests are removeably attached to the side panels when the panels  
3 are folded to a closed position for facilitating portability.

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5           14.    The portable chair of claim 6 wherein the seat member, elbow  
6 rests, and pairs of rests are removeably attached with a hook and loop type  
7 fasteners.

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9           15.    The portable chair of claim 5 further comprising a fifth and sixth  
10 pair of panel slots extending from the straddle edges of the side panels, but running  
11 perpendicular to and crossing the first and second pairs of panel slots, respectively.

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13           16.    The portable chair of claim 15 having a kit of one or more  
14 additional attachments such as at least one additional surface member that  
15 removeably mates with the fifth and sixth pair of panel slots.

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17           17.    A method for supporting a mobility impaired user for a massage  
18 comprising:

19                providing a seat member and at least two side panels pivotally joined  
20 at a straddle edges and each panel further comprising a base edge, the seat  
21 member being releasably coupled with the side panels so that when coupled, the  
22 seat member spaces the panels in a splayed position;

1 opening the panels to the splayed position, supported on the base  
2 edges;  
3 straddling the user over the splayed panels; and  
4 mating with the seat member with the straddle edges of the panels to  
5 sandwich the user between the panels and the seat member, the seat member  
6 supportably spacing the panels in the open position,  
7 wherein the weight of the user is supported by the seat member.  
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